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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-1043 (Sub-No. 1), Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. – Discontinuance of Service and Abandonment – In Aroostook and Penobscot Counties, Maine

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am the Secretary of Huber Engineered Woods, I.L.C. ("HEW") which operates a mill for the production of oriented strand board in Easton, Maine.

HEW hereby requests the Surface Transportation Board to hold a public hearing within the State of Maine on the above referenced proposed abandonment, including, but not limited to, the abandonment of the Fort Fairfield Subdivision, which services our mill.

The rail lines proposed for abandonment have provided an essential transportation link to northern Maine for over a hundred years. We have been advised that these rail lines continue to see substantial traffic, in wood products, and paper products, and other commodities. The rail lines have allowed us to use the extensive timber resources of northern Maine to manufacture highly engineered building products for the construction market in New England and in other markets in the United States.

The Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway filed an abandonment application at the Board, on February 25, 2010, and is seeking approval to abandon rail operations on and to permanently remove these rail lines. These actions, if approved, would have a serious adverse impact on the region and on our business.

A public hearing within Maine would enable the Board to hear directly from local businesses and citizens their concerns about the proposed abandonment. The Board would be able to better understand the significance of rail service to this area, and the potential impact of abandonment. A public hearing in Maine would facilitate public input on the Board's evaluation of the application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST

I hereby certify that I served the forgoing Request for Public Hearing by causing a copy to be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid on March 8, 2010 to the following:

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